

# ARTICLES

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With Warres Testament, or his last Will, made at  
his departure out of the said Netherlands.

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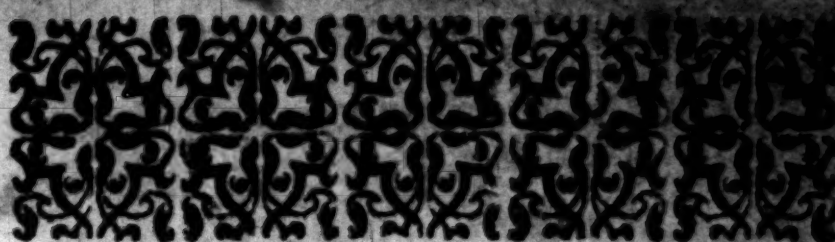
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Newes to the Reader, or to whom the  
Buyer desires to send  
Newes.

**S**uch is the time, that when friends congratulate, the second word is what's the newes?

So likewise, when our urgent occasions require conference by letters, yet wee expect with those letters, what Newes; if we come from the Court, what Newes; if we come from the Countrie, what newes: So from whencesoeuer wee come or goe, what Newes. Therefore for them that desire newes, especially to you, I present these *Neatherland* accurrents, lately come to my handes from a worthy friend out of *Holland*, this 18. of *June*. 1607.

Thine *W. B. B.*

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News to the Reader, or to whom it  
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 to the people, when our organs  
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 those letters, what News; if we  
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 that these news, especially to you,  
 The land of the Netherlands, lately  
 from a worthy friend of Holland, this 18 of  
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Articles of Agreement concerning  
*the Cessation of warre, betweene the*  
*Arch-duke and the States of the*  
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OU haue heard  
howe a Fryar,  
the Confessor  
to the *Infanta*,  
hath brought  
about a Cessa-  
tion of Armes  
for 8. moneths,  
to the end that  
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nerths, these States might acquaint their  
best friendes, and counsell themselues, whe-  
ther they will make a peace or no, vpon rea-  
sonable termes; in which it is propounded  
beforchand, that the Arch-duke shall dis-  
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tence over these Prouinces vnited, that they shall, as a free State, treat, and hold all that they now doe, except by consent, some towne or place may be changed, for the accommodating of the Arch-duke or this State; and that the King of Spaine shall, within the terme of three moneths, send to the States his agreement to and of the same Acte.

Now vpon this, there hath beene question mooued; first concerning the word *Inuasion*, then for the calling home of the Fleet: and what hath beene done in that, I send you herewith; and the present state of things here.

Touching the interpretation of that word, it is thus concluded; that during the Cessation, their Prouinces, Territories, and other particular possessions on eyther side, as well by water as land, shal be free from all inuasion, and all manner of hostilitie, by Armie, troope, or partie.

That in the neutrall Countries adioyning, no actions of hostilitie shall be vsed against the inhabitants, passengers, & others being no souldiers, nor against horses, driuers of horses, or those men which shal draw shippes

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shippes and boates, on both sides the rivers.

That all actions to the contrary, shall of all sides bee hindered, punished and repaired: with this prouiso, that it must be vnderstood, that such offences committed against the Contract, tend not to the violation or breaking of the Cessation, vnlesse they bee done by the order and appointment of the King of Spaine or the Arch-duke on the one side, or the States on the other.

That all souldiers by land and water, horse and foot (out of the townes or fortes where they serue) as also all others, hauing no passport or residing vnder safegard, all vnfree goods, and the persons and goods which shall be transported from one side to the other, without passport and licence, are excepted out of those limits, and remaine subiect to the order and rigour of the warre.

That the Contribution on eyther side (during the Cessation) shall be raised & executed, as they were at the day of the conclusion of Cessation, (namely the 12. of Aprill last) without enhauncement, and at the perill of those that shall execute the same.

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That when 6. weekes are expired, after the said deliuerie, all prizes (except ships of warre and souldiers) which shall be taken on the sea, from the Gorlings south and towards the west, along the coast of France, Spaine and Barbary, and in the Straight of Giberalter, and in the Midland sea, shall be held for vnlawful Prize, and restorde.

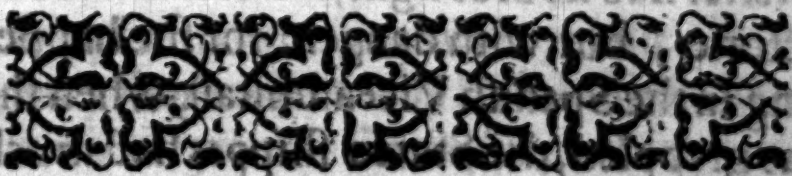
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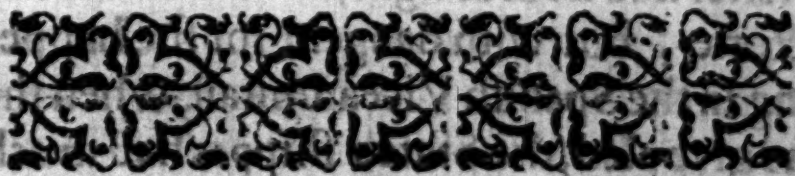


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the Straights. The States shippes resolved with order and courage, to attempt the Spanish, as they lay in the Road, vnder the shot of the Towne and Castell. The Admirall with another good shippe, commanded by Captaine *Lambrecht*, boarded the Spanish Admirall with full sayle, and beat her so violently with ordinance and musket, that in a short space she lost her Generall, with almost 300. men, being a ship of 400. last or burthen, manned with 500. and carrying 21. great brasse peeces.

After five houres fight, the States had the victorie, but with danger: for fire happening in the Spanish Viceadmirall, when she was grappled, the States shippes had much adoe to saue themselves from burning. The Spanish Admirall with some others ran aground, suffred the fire to lay hold on them, and increased it, to prevent the States profit by taking them. The next day examining the successe, they left (of the 21. shippes which they found in the Bay at their arriual) but two Gallions, one French ship, and a small pinnasse, all which were so grounded, that they could neither take nor burne them.



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Three Marchants besides, comprehended in the 21, committed themselves to the States fleet. So that the Spaniard lost seven great Gallions, and six or seven other good shippes besides. The States lost their Admirall with the first shot from the Spanish Admirall; and among others, one captain *Laughen Heyndricke* of Amsterdam, and captain *Lambrechts sonne*.

They have great hurt done to their masts, sayles, cables, and tacklins.

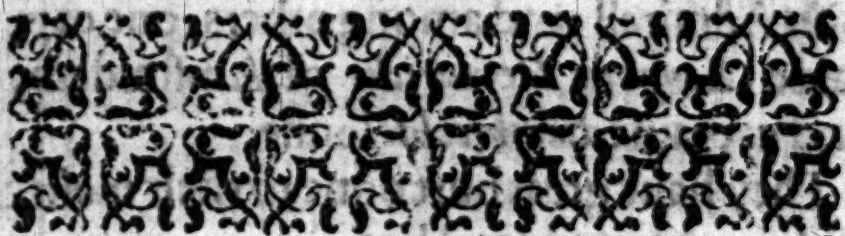
**I** Must further let you know, that certaine shippes of these Countries, of the Company that trades to the East Indies, have taken a very rich Carracke, which they have lightned of her most precious and rich lading, and laden it into their owne ships, of which, one is come into Amsterdam, and the other into Zeland, and the Carracke, into which they have put their Spices, is comming also.

**T**He French Ambassadors are gone a progresse into North Holland, attending the enlarging of their Commission.



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**T**He most of these people conceive and feare, that the king of Spaine wil neuer send the Agreecation, vpon which most depends. *June 16. 1607. From the Haghe.*



*Later Newes.*

**T**Here are letters come from Bre-  
dä, that 2000 Spaniards are en-  
tered a backe way into the Castle  
of Antwerpe, haue turned the  
Artillerie vpon the Towne, and doe make  
warre with the Citizens. This is beleeyed  
at the Haghe: but I will not report it for  
trueth, vntil the first be seconded. Farewel.  
*From the Haghe, June 16. 1607.*

**FINIS.**



## WARRES TESTAMENT,

*now ready to dye, after so long continu-  
ance in the Netherlands.*

**T**He sicknesse great that doth oppresse my hart,  
And cause each veine & pulse to pant & beat,  
As signes that soule and body must depart,  
Do shew, that spight my heart, I cannot let  
The houre ta'pproch which fatal death hath sign'd;  
For all things must retorne vnto their kind.

And sith'tis so, I then am fully bent,  
Before I part, for to declare my Will,  
And make my last and fatall Testament,  
And to each one, great, little, good, or ill,  
Bequeath my goods, and all that I possesse,  
And teach all those that Marciall Art professe,

How to deuise the Warres for to increase,  
And make them worse and greater then before,  
And find the meanes that they shall neuer cease,  
And that each countrie people, rich and poore,  
May feele the edge of my deuouring blade,  
Which in the world such slaughter great hath made.

For though I die, and *Netherlands* forsake,  
Yet must you thinke, that I mine heires do leaue,  
That will not fayle in ought my part to take,  
And Countries farre and neere of peace bereaue,  
And make my fame, when I am dead and rotten,  
Still to increase, and neuer be forgotten.



## *Warres Will and Testament.*

1. First I bequeath vnto the Potentate,  
That many men hath brought vnto their end,  
By my contentious bloody mind and hate,  
Great store of goods and lands, his state to mend,  
And though he serued me with great desire,  
And rather sought for wealth, then warre require,

And happily full many dangers past:  
Yet let him know, what euer he hath woon,  
That from it all he must depart at last,  
When he his fatall course on earth hath runne;  
And therefore counsell him for to beware,  
And of his life to haue a better care.

2. To Tyrants great, to whom their law is will,  
Who by my means much wrong & hurt haue done  
By false pretence of warre, and sought to kill  
Both man and child, and many Countries woon  
By fire and sword, consuming townes and towers,  
And wrongfully destroyed pleasant Bowers,

I doe bequeath *Kains* curse and banishment,  
And though their fame b'extold vnto the aire,  
Yet shall their hearts and minds be discontent,  
And filled with confusion and despaire,  
And at the last with woe and miserie,  
Their bodies shall with lice consumed be.

3. To those that haue bin valiant, stout and bold,  
T'aduenture life and limme for to defend  
Their Countries cause, and it from dangers hold,  
And haue continued true vnto the end,  
Offered no wrong, nor vsed villanie,  
But with their pay themselves did satisfie,



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I cannot chuse but wish them well in heart,  
And praise and honor leaue them for their meed,  
And when that they out of this world shall part,  
Desire of God to helpe them in their need,  
And giue them constant faith for to persener,  
In godly life to liue with him for euer.

4. To Spirituall men, that are of carefull mind,  
To preach and teach, I cannot leaue them much,  
And they do know, and well by prooffe do find,  
Their Cloisters spoild, whereat they seeme to grutch,  
Their Churches burnt, their liuing ta'ne away,  
And which is more, where they haue seen the day,

That all their Sellers stored were with drinke,  
Their Barnes full, their Kirchins fraught with meat,  
And all things els what euer heart could thinke,  
Were in their Houses found, now nought to get,  
And they poore Priests & Conents without land,  
To other mens reuerfions forc't to stand.

5. Vnto the Townes in *Netberlands* so great,  
I do bequeath and leaue a great Excise,  
And many Impositions that are set  
Vpon them, though they rather would deuise  
The meanes to liue in peace and quiet state,  
And thinke themselues to be most fortunate.

Meane time they must behold their rased walles,  
Their Towers cast downe, vncovered and defac't,  
Their Houses burnt, their Palaces and Halles  
Euen with the ground: for what can euer last,  
But must of force consume and eke decay?  
For in this world there is no certaine stay.

*Warres Will and Testament,*

6. Vnto the countrie Village and the Towne,  
I do bequeath a desolate estate,  
And vncloth sight of Castles, broken downe,  
And houses spoylde, which warre vnfortunate  
Hath caulse and made full many a man to bee  
Amazed fore such wofull sights to see:

I leaue them Sluces fallne vnto decay,  
Great store of lame and miserable folke,  
Murthers committed 'mongst them night and day,  
Women deflowrde, and men brought vnder yoke  
Of euery rauening freebooter and slaue,  
To take from them what euer that they haue.

7. To those that by dissention and by strife,  
Deceit and subtiltie haue gotten wealth,  
And all the dayes of their vnhappy life,  
Haue liu'd by consinage, and by lecret stealth,  
Gathering great store of riches and of good,  
And neuer cease to sucke the poore mans blood,  
And Vsurers, and such as liue by gaine,  
And sweate of others browes, and haue no care,  
But onely how to get, and to attaine  
To speedy wealth, to them I will not spare  
To tell them, that all gayne by them so got,  
With them at last will be the diuels lot,

8. You Clarks that liued by my warlike bands,  
And were accounted 'mongst the Martial crue,  
And yet ne're vsed weapons in your hands,  
But serued for to pay the Souldiers due,  
And lay with them where euer they did goe,  
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Remember what I say, and pray that I  
May liue, and make you rich before I die.

9. You Ostes, that wonted were to lodge my train,  
And did prepare them meat and drinke with speed,  
At such excesiue rates, and monstrous gaine,  
As't pleased you, respecting not their need,  
And so did fill your coffers and your bags,  
And made the Souldiers go in torne rags,

I you bequeath a beggerly estate,  
And to be payd by gentle words and blowes,  
And thinke your selues well vide and fortunate,  
To scape so well, and as the world well knowes,  
Be glad to ebbe and flow as time fals out,  
And many times be forst to play bankerout.

10. To Armorers and Spurriers by their Art,  
Gunpowder men, and Sadlers that do liue  
By me and mine, and get the greatest part  
Of all their wealth, a Legacie Ile giue,  
Which after my deceale with present speed,  
Shall be payd them at the castle of Saint Neede

Although I know they haue great store of wealth,  
Which easily into their cofers came,  
By buying goods that gotten were by stealth,  
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11. You Millers, that haue vsed corne to grind  
For Souldiers bread, and chang'd it for your gaine,  
And in the same so sweet deceit did find,  
That vnto wealth thereby you did attaine,  
And though you thinke it to be gotten well,  
I doubt that you must answer it in hell.

I wish you therefore, lying in this case,  
Ready to die, for to repent that's past,  
And though you beare it out a little space,  
And liue in pleasure, know it will not last,  
And do not seeke against the streamie to striue,  
For stolen goods (men say) will neuer thrue.

12. Now Bakers, hearken what to you I say,  
I must not leaue you out of this my Will,  
I tell you plaine, you haue not ta'ne the way  
To deale vprightly, but by subtill skill,  
Haue made your bisket & your bread so small,  
That all the Souldiers out vpon you call.

For this, I you bequeath a Beggers end,  
For thrue you cannot by such hatefull gayne:  
And sure, vnlesse this wickednesse you mend,  
You must expect, and so I tell you playne,  
Eyther to begge your bread before you die,  
Or els be one of Bankrupts company.

13. The Brewer, that no knauery hath mist,  
To make his Beere small and all too thin,  
Yet couerd it with some good store of yest,  
And so great gayne by Beere bad did win,  
This Legacie to him I do bequeath,  
That he shall be a knaue while he doth breathe.

And



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And let him change his course, and now begin  
To learne an occupation gainst his need,  
And teach his men to sew, and maides to spin:  
For, if I chance to die, as 'tis decreed,  
I am in doubt he'll sit with sober cheere,  
And glad himselfe to drinke the smallest beere.

14. You tippling slaues, that vs e't attend on me,  
And fill my hungry belly in my need,  
Pray, you were best, for my prosperitie,  
For 'tis my purse, wherewith your selues you feed:  
For if I die, looke you to passe away,  
For here will be no place for you to stay.

To whom will you then sell your stincking fish,  
Your sowre beere, your browne and mouldy bread?  
I do belecue, you oftentimes will wish,  
That e're I die, you would your selues be dead:  
For well you know, of needy slaues and bare,  
My onely meanes makes you the men you are.

15. Full many Souldiers, old and new likewise,  
Which are to haue a Legacie of me,  
I them bequeath a meale in souldierswise,  
That's hungry fare, and yet a glad man he:  
And yet they shall discharged be of pay,  
Wherewith they must be please'd & go their way..

And then they shall be scene to walke the street,  
Without an arme, a leg, or els a hand,  
And forced be of euery one they meet,  
To beg and craue, and in the high way stand,  
To take a purse, and so perchance may end  
Their wofull life, from which God them defend.

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16. Your Horsemens boyes, Dead paies, & Billet  
All call & cry to me for some reliefe: (men,  
For by my meanes they liu'd and knew both when  
And where to get their meat: but now with griefe:  
They must go seeke to make some other shift,  
Or els go steale to helpe them at a lift.

The house of seldome full must be their Innie,  
And if they leaue not off their villany,  
The gallie, gallowes, prison or some ginne  
Will be their last reward for knauerie:  
Therefore beware in time, and learne to thrive,  
And seeke some honest meanes for you to liue.

17. You filthy shameles Drabs, that long haue thri-  
Vnder the guard of my most warlike traine, (uen  
And by your beastly liues, haue forst and driuen  
Full many a man to liue in griefe and paine,  
And in the end, when all from him had gotten,  
Haue fil'd him with disease to make him rotten,  
Conuert in time, ere that it be too late,  
Take better course, and now liue honestly,  
And call for grace, while you are in the state  
To get the same, lest gracelesse you should dye:  
And follow *Mary Magdalen* in this,  
Mercy to craue, confelssing your amisse.

18. Lastly vnto the Hangman I bequeath  
An hundred paire of breeches that be old,  
Well fil'd with lice, aboue and eke beneath,  
For that ere it be long, you shall behold  
Great store of theeuers, alongt the high way stand  
To aske your almes with weapons in their hand:

And

And rather then they will denyed be,  
They'le be so bold to venture ( by your leave )  
To put you to the worst extremitie,  
And take your purse by force out of your sleene;  
But for reward, I will them plainly shew,  
| That to the gallowes they are sure to goe.

Now all at once thanke me for my good will,  
And euery man in seuerall wise apart.  
My course is runne, I must Gods bests fulfill,  
For I am sicke, euen at the very heart,  
I fall to ground, like to the Cripple lame,  
And must returne to place from whence I came,

Watch now and pray, attend me but a while,  
And I'le bid you adiew, for I must die.  
When I am dead, yet do me not reuile:  
For though that I haue caus'd much miserie,  
I'le pray to God, and while I liue, not cease,  
To send to you a long and happy peace,

**FINIS.**